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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . Greetings once again to all the listeners of this great radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We are certainly glad to be coming to you again by means of radio on this first day of April in 1966. But let me assure you each and every one that the things which we have to speak to you do not make up an "April Fool's" message. We'll leave this "fooling" and playing for others to do, but we have more important things to discuss with you than to waste your time in such a manner.

First, let me say we are indeed happy to hear from those who either hear the broadcast on this station or from those who receive the printed copies whether they live in the East or West or North or South. And, of course, this not only includes those who live within the United States, but we are mailing a number into foreign countries and we are indeed happy to hear from these whatever the place may be where you live. Write us a letter and let me assure you that you may expect a personal reply from us within a few days.

And now to our scripture reading in Matthew, chapter 7 and beginning at verse 1.

"JUDGE NOT, THAT YE BE NOT JUDGED

For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Now I believe if we go back and carefully look at some of the thoughts expressed in these verses, it will help us to have, not only a better relationship with God, but also a better relationship with those who live about us. It is easy for us to look at others and to see their faults. We can see where they have failed to measure to God's standard and we can clearly point out their errors and thus pass judgment upon them. In fact, there are certain people who do not endeavor to live for God themselves and are not careful to measure to the standard of His word; nevertheless, they are quick to censor those who turn aside from the truth.

Now I would say that before any one was qualified to pass judgment upon another, they must first be walking in all the light which they have. They must be endeavoring to do the will of God as far as they understand it. Otherwise, it is possible that the one with whom they would find fault may be more sin-

cere than they themselves. This ought not to be the case.

Let us especially notice the thought expressed in verse 2. Here it says, "For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

Now it is easy for us to understand that those who are brought before the judge desire to have favor in his sight. They are pleased for the judge to have mercy and compassion, but by the same token, let us ask ourselves, are we willing to have compassion upon others? Then I believe that if we can answer this in the affirmative and really feel deep down in our hearts that we have a sincere and earnest desire to help others, we will be in a better position to do so.

Or in other words, if we will first have the beam removed from our own eye, then will we see more clearly to pull out the mote from our brother's eye.

Now, no doubt, most of us are well aware that misunderstandings can come between the very closest of friends, and that so very easily. In fact, it may arise from a "hearsay" or a "rumor" which is not well founded at all. If the truth was only known, many times we find that our brother or our sister did not mean at all that which we thought was meant.

Now let me better illustrate it this way. Suppose that on one of our modern day train coaches a man and his wife were riding along, and in the meantime were in a casual conversation. We shall call their names Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Then just suppose that surrounding Mr. and Mrs. Jones in the coach were a number of other men with their wives. Each intently listening to overhear the conversation of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Now to even better illustrate it, let us suppose that Mr. and Mrs. Smith sitting nearby overheard a statement which sounded to them as if Mr. Jones mentioned to his wife a "trained ear". From this point Mr. and Mrs. Smith began further speculating that the Joneses had been to a musical concert because he had mentioned a "trained ear".

In the meantime suppose Mr. and Mrs. Godfry sitting nearby overheard the same statement which Mr. Jones made to his wife and Mr. Godfry understood him to say something about a "reindeer". From this point Mr. Godfry would began to elaborate and explain to his wife that, no doubt, the Joneses had been to a zoo and had seen the many animals among them which were some reindeer.

Then just to further complicate this matter, suppose Mr. Seymour sitting nearby with his wife overheard this same statement which Mr. Jones had made and he interpreted it a different way. The moment Mr. and Mrs. Seymour stepped from the train he looked all around him and exclaimed with a certain amount of amazement, "I don't see any signs of rain, and I am very positive that I heard Mr. Jones mention to his wife that "it rained here".

So you see friends, here would be one statement which Mr. Jones had made and three different people had overheard this statement and e ach came up with a different explanation. Then let us suppose that all had missed the true meaning of what Mr. Jones had told his wife for he had only mentioned to her that "I almost missed the train, dear."

Friends, can you see how far a little misunderstanding can spread. Let us be quick to make allowance for others and in the meantime guard our own lives and conversation very closely. Furthermore, let us be willing to have our lives judged by the standard which we impose upon others. Then and only then can we come to the place where the Lord would have us live together in peace and harmony as his children.

To better illustrate this point, listen now to this poem entitled:

A LOOKING GLASS
by G. W. McMillan

I'd like to tell this busy world
Of men and women, boys and girls,
What I discovered with surprise,
By looking in my brother's eyes.

Close to my brother, he to me;
Looking to see what we could see,
To tell this I should all recline,
Had he not found the same in mine.

I saw myself, he saw himself,
And then we parted, right and left;
I sought a mirror then to study
More about self instead of buddy.

I quickly learned the reason why,
My Savior told me to deny
That giant; though pretended elf,
Known as my own deceitful self.

Then precious souls who would be wise,
Seek for the harm in your own eyes:
Nothing for service can surpass
The Bible as a Looking Glass.

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We humbly pray that you would help us to use thy word, the Holy Bible as a looking glass for our lives and help us to remove from our lives that which your word condemns and in turn we pray that you would make us a blessing rather than a hindrance to the great cause of God throughout the world. Let thy special favor rest upon the sick and the afflicted ones who hear this broadcast tonight. Especially we pray for the shut-ins, some of whom have written expressing their interest in the things of God. But above all our physical needs, dear Lord, we pray that you would remember those who have great spiritual problems. Help us to send the light of thy Word into every land where these hungry hearts are found and satisfy them with thy goodness, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now to a verse of song "Alone" as sung by Margaretta Kennedy and Dixie Hand.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy of today's message free of charge, you may have one by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION
by Kathleen and Patsy

Send forth anew your faithful rays
In a land that's dark as night,
And guide again to Christ the King,
Souls, lost without your light.

". . . We got the missionary day at Monark on tape and I just got through listening to it, that makes a person realize more that people are starving to hear the truth. I feel like we ought to have more of a burden for the lost especially those over in the foreign lands, for they don't get the truth like we do now as often as we do. . ."

--Joan McIntosh

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

A very encouraging scripture which I have especially noticed recently in Judges 7:21 says, "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp:" Just as this was the order in which Gideon's men won the notable victory over the Midianites, even so it is God's plan and order for the church today that every man stand in his place. Let us dedicate ourselves afresh daily to carry out the great commission to reach as many as possible with the gospel.

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Many of the congregations are either having special revival services or will be planning to have them soon as this season draws near when we will be thinking especially of the resurrection of our Lord. Bro. Curtis Williams has been in services in Oklahoma City with Bro. Archie Souder and congregation. Bro. Lewis Williams and the congregation in Wichita are in services this week also.

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Bro. and Sis. Carver of the Shreveport congregation will be looking for a number from other locations including Midway, La., and West Monroe, La., as well as others to be in attendance at the services there which will include gospel singing in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 10.

Neosho, Mo., March 24, 1966, "Greetings to all in Jesus name, We are leaving tomorrow, the Lord willing, for the Oak Grove congregation at Loranger, La. We expect to be there about three months. Please change our address to Route 1, Loranger, La. 70446."

--Bro. H. V. Probst

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From Loranger, La., March 25, 1966: ". . . Bro. and Sis. Probst are due in here tomorrow. Were to get here today but plans were changed. . ."

--Byron and Clarice Pruitt

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Congratulations to Randall Flynn and his wife June of Loranger, La. upon the birth of Anita Lynn, March 21.

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A double wedding is scheduled for tomorrow in the chapel at Guthrie. This will be for Ed Wilson and Roberta Melot; also Louis Morgan and Sue Melot. Ed and Roberta have plans to live in Kansas City while Louis and Sue plan to live in Indianapolis. We wish them happiness and success.

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Our best wishes and prayers also accompany Max Strunk and Lillie Mae (Eck) Strunk who were married in Enid last Saturday evening.

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